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Mr. Will Kempton, Director
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Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: FY 2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 3 – Stanislaus Council of Governments
(StanCOG)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has completed our review of Amendment No. 3 to the StanCOG's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 11, 2005. StanCOG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 04-26 on February 9, 2005, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the StanCOG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to add or modify various projects in Stanislaus County than include funding from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program, Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program, and Federal Transit Authority (FTA) 5307 and 5309 programs. The amendment aligns StanCOG's STIP programming in the FTIP with the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) STIP.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the StanCOG FTIP by this amendment do not require new emissions modeling because they were either found to conform as part of a previous regional emissions analysis in accordance with 40 CFR 93.122 (g), or include projects determined to be the types listed in 40 CFR 93.126 & 127 as being exempt from any regional emissions analysis. Therefore, we find this FTIP to conform to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP).

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and is provided in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding between the FHWA, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX dated July 15, 2004, on Roles and Responsibilities for Multi-mode Amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the StanCOG's FTIP Amendment No. 3 into California's 2004/05 – 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Leigh Levine of FHWA, California Division office at (916) 498-5034, or Mr. Alex Smith of the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX office at (415) 744-2599.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

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